

Amended Claims

41. (new) An insect trap for luring and trapping an insect therein, comprising:

- a) an aperture in a hollow chamber of said trap;
- b) a first set of a plurality of deflectable strips having terminal ends of said strips dispersed and terminated around said aperture for constituting a crawl path to lead from said aperture into the interior of said chamber;
- c) an enclosure for surrounding said crawl path to form an enclosed passageway which closes at a distal end of said crawl path; and
- d) an insect attractant to lure said insect;

wherein said insect enters said aperture and crawls along said crawl path toward said distal end of said crawl path, said crawl path is deflected by said insect to reveal an opening at the distal end of said crawl path, said deflectable strips constituting said crawl path change from an initial closed position with said enclosure to an open position to allow said insect to enter said chamber, said deflectable strips return to said initial closed position with said enclosure upon the departure of said insect from said deflectable strips.

42. (new) The trap of claim 41, wherein said enclosure comprises a second set of

a plurality of deflectable strips surrounding said crawl path.

43. (new) The trap of claim 41, wherein said enclosure comprises a bottomless enclosure with side walls surrounding said crawl path.

44. (new) The trap of claim 41, wherein said trap includes an array of tines mounted to the underside surfaces of said deflectable strips.

45. (new) The trap of claim 41, wherein said trap includes an oily material coated to the underside surfaces of said deflectable strips.

46. (new) The trap of claim 41, wherein said trap includes a plurality of deflectable strips having a plurality of tines at the distal end thereof.

47. (new) The trap of claim 41, further including a second set of a plurality of deflectable strips, wherein end portions of said deflectable strips are bent into a vertical position to guide said insect to exit upwardly.

48. (new) The trap of claim 41 including a slidable tray containing said insect attractant.

49. (new) The trap of claim 48 including a cross-wired mesh cover covering said tray to deny direct access of said insect to said insect attractant.

50. (new) The trap of claim 41, wherein said trap includes a light tube emitting

light to attract said insect.

51. (new) The trap of claim 41, wherein said trap includes a hollow cartridge containing discrete segments of adhesive, sticky material.

52. (new) An insect trap for luring and trapping an insect therein, comprising:

- a) an aperture in a hollow chamber of said trap;
- b) a plurality of deflectable strips having terminal ends of said strips dispersed and terminated around said aperture for constituting a crawl path to lead from said aperture into the interior of said chamber;
- c) an enclosure for surrounding said crawl path to form an enclosed passageway which closes at a distal end of said crawl path;
- d) a plurality of tines mounted to the underside surfaces of said deflectable strips; and
- e) an insect attractant to lure said insect;

wherein said insect enters said aperture and crawls along said crawl path toward said distal end of said crawl path, said crawl path is deflected by said insect to reveal an opening at the distal end of said crawl path, said deflectable strips constituting said crawl path change from an initial closed position with

said enclosure to an open position to allow said insect to enter said chamber, said deflectable strips return to said initial closed position with said enclosure upon the departure of said insect from said deflectable strips.

53. (new) The trap of claim 52, wherein said trap includes a plurality of deflectable strips having a plurality of tines at the distal end thereof.

54. (new) The trap of claim 52, wherein said trap includes a light tube emitting light to attract said insect.

55. (new) An insect trap for luring and trapping an insect therein, comprising:

- a) an aperture in a hollow chamber of said trap;
- b) a plurality of deflectable strips having terminal ends of said strips dispersed and terminated around said aperture for constituting a crawl path to lead from said aperture into the interior of said chamber;
- c) an enclosure for surrounding said crawl path to form an enclosed passageway which closes at a distal end of said crawl path;
- d) an insect attractant in a tray to lure said insect; and
- e) a cross-wired mesh cover covering said tray to deny direct access of said insect to said insect attractant;

wherein said insect enters said aperture and crawls along said crawl path toward said distal end of said crawl path, said crawl path is deflected by said insect to reveal an opening at the distal end of said crawl path, said deflectable strips constituting said crawl path change from an initial closed position with said enclosure to an open position to allow said insect to enter said chamber, said deflectable strips return to said initial closed position with said enclosure upon the departure of said insect from said deflectable strips.

56. (new) The trap of claim 55, wherein said trap includes an array of tines mounted to the underside surfaces of said deflectable strips.

57. (new) The trap of claim 55, wherein said trap includes an oily material coated to the underside surfaces of said deflectable strips.

58. (new) The trap of claim 55, wherein said trap includes a plurality of deflectable strips having a plurality of tines at the distal end thereof.

59. (new) The trap of claim 55, wherein said trap includes a light tube emitting light to attract said insect.